

## INCINERATOR APPEAL DECEMBER 14 2023

<sup>afternoon</sup>  
Good ~~morning~~. I am Guy Dickinson and I am speaking on behalf of Dorset CPRE as chair of West Dorset CPRE. I am a retired GP.

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We have consistently opposed this application. From our perspective the main reason is its position - although we also agree with all the other many reasons put against it.

The position of this unnecessary incinerator would be in the setting of the World Heritage Jurassic Coastline. There is a Jurassic Coast partnership Plan 2022-2025 written by the Jurassic Coast Trust. It was published to ensure that this coastline is protected from developments just like this one. The Jurassic Coast stretches for 95 miles and covers Dorset and East Devon and it became a World Heritage Site in 2001. It is England's only natural World Heritage Site and has been declared a coastline of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV). It serves great historic and scientific interest and is particularly beautiful. This incinerator is large, ugly and would be very obvious with its tall 87 metre chimney stack.

The incinerator is also right on the edge of an SSSI (a Site of Special Scientific Interest - a protected area designated by Natural England) and an SAC Special Area of Conservation - designated by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee.

It is also not far from the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, from which it would easily be seen.

It is also important to consider the maritime aspects with which I am pretty familiar as a sailor myself. Portland Harbour is a world famous sailing and sail training area - especially after the 2012 Olympics. The Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy is very close to this site. People from all over the world attend - including many young people from all parts. It seems inconceivable to put a large ugly smoking incinerator next to all this activity - with fumes that may be dispersed to any part - even Weymouth Bay - and indeed anywhere, depending on the wind.

The ugliness of this incinerator is indisputable - especially in this position. The Dorset Waste Plan specifically states its opinion on the position of such incinerators and says "Suitable locations would be near to the Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) production facility with good transport links". This is clearly not the case here with a projected 40 large truck journeys daily both ways (total

80) through Weymouth, Wyke and Castletown. The roads are small with several schools on the route and this gives rise to great concern about pollution as well as danger to children and pedestrians. Ships may bring some RDF from further afield but, again, although preferable to trucks, they would further pollute the atmosphere. It appears a large amount of the RDF would actually come from outside Dorset and even from outside the UK altogether.

There are many other serious concerns about this structure - including the harmful effects of carbon dioxide and nitrous oxides on climate change and of nitrogen and ammonia deposition on internationally protected sites of ecological importance. However, there are also serious concerns on the areas downwind of the incinerator - Weymouth, Overcombe and Ringstead Beaches which risk receiving clouds of resulting effluvia - and of course Portland itself in a northerly or easterly wind. The vital tourist industry in the area will be in jeopardy as word gets round.

As far as CPRE is concerned, as I said, our main concern is the incinerator's appalling effect on the surrounding countryside, the AONB, SSSI and SAC and particularly the World Heritage Jurassic Coastline and the maritime sailing environment.

Lastly I would like to add that perhaps most importantly the greatest effort should be on *drastically reducing waste in the first place* - something that's not yet happened or discussed to any significant extent.

We are strongly opposed to this.

Thank you.